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## Region 13 Celebrates Accomplishments

Area Manager Ron Elias and Region 13 staff recently held their first team picnic. Outreach Workers and Team Leaders gathered at War Memorial Park in Pass Christian for a day of team building. The picnic was also a way to commend staff for their hard work and dedication.

Staff enjoyed the opportunity to get together and take some time out from going door-to-door. The goal was to relax and mingle with other Outreach Workers, whom they seldom get a chance to talk with.

Region 13 hopes to continue with a team function at least once a month, as a gesture to say thank you. As these events progress, plans are to have some recreational activities staff can participate in to further reinforce team building and mingling.

Kudos to all who made it a success! WAY TO GO TEAM!!!!

Other regions also plan on having team building activities to encourage their staff.

The outstanding work of the

Project Recovery staff needs to be recognized. Since Sept. 22, 2005, staff members have provided services to more than 125,000 people affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The Project Recovery Helpline has answered more than 4,500 calls.

“Our staff have made such an impact on communities throughout Mississippi,” Jennie Hillman, Project Recovery Director said. “We are paving the road to recovery for so many people due to the hard work of our excellent Outreach Workers.”

Staff members are beginning to help ease the concerns of those worried about the upcoming hurricane season by distributing Disaster Preparedness Plans across the state.

Staff members are also encouraging the public to recognize signs and symptoms of stress related to the upcoming season and effects of Hurricane Katrina.



Region 13 Picnic



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# Outstanding Employees of the Month!

The Outstanding Employees of the Month for June are from Region 10. Tessa Anderson, Tosha Anderson and Paige McDonald have proved to be hardworking, dedicated Project Recovery Outreach Workers.

Tessa and Tosha Anderson have made their presence known by providing outreach in private homes, community organizations, private businesses and public buildings. They recently assisted an elderly lady, whose home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, find adequate living accommodations.

Paige McDonald recently visited with a Lauderdale County resident who had major roof damage and mold developing on her children's beds. Her children were developing

sleep and medical problems because of the mold.

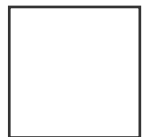
Paige gave the resident the appropriate connections and soon the family obtained new beds through an agency. The resident was extremely grateful for Paige and Project Recovery.

Tessa, Tosha and Paige's efforts in the field have served as perfect examples of how effective a listening ear and a resourceful Outreach Worker can be.

Project Recovery wants to honor outstanding employees each month. Please submit nominations to Wendy Bailey, Project Recovery Public Relations Manager at [wendy.bailey@pr.state.ms.us](mailto:wendy.bailey@pr.state.ms.us) or fax to (601) 351-8442.

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